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SUBJECT: GNEP: "DIFFERENCE OF VIEWS" ON FAST REACTOR  
COOPERATION

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Classified By: EST Deputy Bart D. Cobbs for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) On May 14, ESTOFF delivered points in reftel A to MOFA International Nuclear Energy Cooperation Division Principal Deputy Director Zentaro Naganuma. Naganuma said he appreciated the clarity of Washington's response on the question of cooperation on fast reactor technology with Russia and China. He said that we have "a difference of views" on the subject, adding that, particularly with regard to China, Japan has national security concerns that need to be addressed. Naganuma asked whether the points in reftel A, particularly regarding cooperation with China, are views that are shared by DOD.

[1](#)2. (C) Naganuma noted that Japan also sees the Joint Communiqué as primarily a document for public release, while the GNEP Statement of Principles could be the document to be accepted by new GNEP partners. He added, however, that it will need to include a mechanism for deciding on new partners, or that a separate "Terms of Reference" document would be required for this purpose.

[1](#)3. (C) Naganuma said that Division Director Yasuyoshi Komizo would accompany Minister Takaichi to Washington for the May 21 GNEP Ministerial and that Komizo hopes to arrange a technical level meeting with his DOS counterpart through the Japanese Embassy in Washington. One issue he would likely raise is the "appropriateness of cooperation on fast reactor technology." (Comment: Naganuma has raised this issue at each of our last two meetings, signaling that MOFA has some serious concerns about cooperation on fast reactor development. It may be useful for the Department to exchange views more fully on this issue in a separate meeting with Japanese counterparts around the GNEP Ministerial. End comment).

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